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[ ] urged the Director to take the initiative on the Burt story in his briefing this afternoon with the Senate Appropriations Defense Subcommittee and our other subcommittees. The Director asked that NFAC prepare something for this purpose. (Action: NFAC) [ ]

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The Director said that he felt uneasy that we have not been reporting on the Iranian military for some time. McMahon suggested that a large percentage of them were AWOL. The Director said that Waller's memo reflected a possibility of a military countercoup. Hicks said that he would check and advise. (Action: NFAC) [ ] - *completed; staff meeting 19 March*

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Hetu reminded McMahon that the Counter Spy press conference at the UN was scheduled for today. Later in the meeting Lapham asked if any Agency representatives planned to attend the conference, suggesting that someone should. In response to the Director's question, McMahon said that he preferred not to have [ ] attend because it could be perceived as an act of physical surveillance. Mr. Carlucci concurred that Counter Spy could exploit such an action to their advantage. Lapham said that it would be difficult to register a complaint about the announcements if we did not hear firsthand what they had to say. After a brief discussion, the Director suggested that [ ] work out an arrangement for obtaining information released at the press conference. (Action: DDO and NFAC) (AIUO)

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